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SUBJECT: LABOR PARTY REJECTS CPN OVERTURES

REF: (A) THE HAGUE 1893 (NOTAL), (B) THE HAGUE 2237

- 1. ALTHOUGH DUTCH COMMUNIST PARTY (CPN) HAS CALLED FOR FORMATION OF A POPULAR FRONT GOVERNMENT IN ITS CAMPAIGN FOR THE MAY 25 STATES GENERAL ELECTIONS, DUTCH LABOR PARTY (PVDA) CONTINUES TO TURN A COLD SHOULDER. OBVIOUSLY DISCOMFITED BY ANY ASSOCIATION IN THE PUBLIC MIND WHICH LINKS THEM WITH THE CPN, LOABOR PARTY LEADERS ARE MAKING AN EFFORT TO DISTANCE THEIR PARTY FROM THE COMMUNISTS.
- 2. PRIME MINISTER DEN UYL ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS HAS REJECTED CPN-PVDA COLLABORATION ON THE DUAL GROUND THAT THE DUTCH COMMUNIST PARTY IS NEITHER DEMOCRATIC NOR PROGRESSIVE. LABOR PARTY FLOOR LEADER VAN THIJN TOLD AN ELECTORAL GATHERING MAY 16 THAT THE CPN WOULD HAVE A BETTER CHANCE FOR COLLABORATION UNCLASSIFIED

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WITH OTHER PARTIES IF IT MOVED TOWARD EUROCOMMUNISM. VAN THIJN SAID THAT THE CPN DIFFERED FROM SOUTHERN EUROPEAN COMMUNIST PARTIES ON ITS ATTITUDE ON HUMAN RIGHTS, ITS VIEW THAT DICTATORSHIP OF THE PROLETARIAT MUST BE PRESERVED AS A BASIC TENET AND ON ITS APPROACH TO SOCIALISTS. VAN THIJN NOTED THAT THE CPN HAD OPPOSED THE DEN UYL GOVERNMENT AT EVERY TURN DURING THE PAST FOUR YEARS.

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